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Claim 1 (currently amended) A method of treating a herpetoviridae ~~viral~~ infection in a subject in need of such treatment, said method comprising treating the subject with a therapeutically effective amount of a sulfur-containing compound, wherein the compound is an inhibitor of a (H⁺/K⁺) ATPase and an inhibitor of a herpetoviridae protease.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the compound contains a sulfur radical selected from the group consisting of sulfoxide, alkylthio, and sulfone.

Claims 3-5 (canceled)

Claim 22. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 ~~3~~ wherein the inhibitor compound contains a divalent sulfur bridge.

Claim 23 (canceled)

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Claim 25 (currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~24~~ wherein the herpetoviridae ~~virus~~ is selected from the group of viruses consisting of herpes simplex viruses, cytomegalovirus, herpes varicellazoster, Epstein-Barr, HHV6, HHV7, pseudorabies, and rhinotracheitis.

Claims 26-30 (canceled)

Claim 31. (new) The method of claim 25 wherein the herpetoviridae protease is a serine herpetoviridae protease.

Claim 32. (new) The method of claim 31 wherein the serine herpetoviridae protease is assemblin.